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Customer No. 22,852
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In re Application of:)
Jürgen RÖMISCH et al.) Group Art Unit: 1646
Application No.: 10/033,777) Examiner: Michael V. Meller
Filed: January 3, 2002)
For: STABILIZED LIQUID)
PREPARATION OF THE)
PROTEASE WHICH ACTIVATES)
BLOOD COAGULATION FACTOR)
VII, OR OF ITS PROENZYME)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English language equivalent to EP 1 074 615 A1 has been provided as Canadian Application No. 2,315,309.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of non-English document EP 1 153 608 A1, its U.S. counterpart printed application, Publ. No. US 2001/0051154 A1 is provided.

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